Fund of Rs. 10,000 crore under SIDBI, enhancement of credit limit under Laghu Udayami Credit Card (LUCC) from Rs. 2 lakh to Rs. 10 lakh based on satisfactory track record, etc.

National Commission for problems of SSIs

2359. SHRI B.J. PANDA: Will the Minister of SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set up a National Commission to examine the problems faced by the small scale industries sector;

(b) the current problems being faced by the SSI sector; and

(c) the action plan of Government to address the key issues of credit, provide them marketing support and development of infrastructure in the SSI clusters?

THE MINISTER OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES (SHRI MAHABIR PRASAD): (a) Under its Resolution No. 5/2/2004-ICC dated 20th September, 2004, the Government has set up the National Commission on Enterprises in the Unorganised/Informal Sector.

(b) and (c) The major problems faced by the small scale industries (SSIs) sector relate to lack of timely and adequate availability of credit, obsolete technology, infrastructure bottlenecks, marketing constraints, etc. The Government implements various schemes for improving flow of credit, technology upgradation, infrastructure assistance through cluster development approach, marketing support, etc. Further, in its National Common Minimum Programme, the Government has announced early formulation of a major promotional package for the SSI sector to give it full credit, technological and markeing support.

Development of SSIs in Kashmir valley

2360. PROF. SAIF-UD-DIN SOZ: Will the Minister of SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that Kashmir valley has no industrial sector-public or private;

(b) whether Kashmir has only cottage industries sector and there is ample scope for development of small scale industries; and